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House Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
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Senate No. SB0797  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20, Chapter 4, Part 2, relative to jury selection from another county upon a motion for change of venue.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-4-201, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

In all civil cases at law where the issue is to be tried by jury, and in all cases of issues in courts of equity directed to be tried by jury, either in the circuit or chancery court, and in all civil or criminal cases before a judge of the court of general sessions:

(1) the venue may be changed, at any time before trial, upon good cause shown, as hereinafter prescribed; or

(2) a court may issue an order for a special venire of jurors from another county if in its discretion it determines the action to be necessary to insure a fair trial.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-4-206, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) Upon an order for a special venire of jurors from a court other than the court of record, as authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-4-201, the jury selection shall be made to the nearest adjoining county free from the like exception, whether in the same judicial district or out of it.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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